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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ICRC, UR
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
(ICRC) VISIT TO USSR

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT ICRC PRESIDENT ALEXANDRE HAY, ACCOMPANIED BY ICRC OPERATIONS DIRECTOR JEAN-PIERRE HOCHE AND DELEGATE PHILIPPE GRAND D'HAUTEVILLE, WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN-DAY VISIT ON SEPTEMBER 17 (HOCHE MAY LEAVE PARTY AFTER 4-DAY STAY TO ATTEND REGIONAL MEETING OF RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES IN BUENOS AIRES).

2. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO FURTHER IMPROVE ICRC TIES WITH USSR, AND TO SEEK MORE ACTIVE SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO ICRC PROGRAMS. IN COURSE OF STAY, HAY AND AIDES HOPE TO MEET WITH PARTY LEADERS, TOP OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HEALTH MINISTRY.

3. SOURCE INFERRED THAT NO MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE CONTEMPLATED DURING VISIT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF STATUS OF PRESIDENT HAY, IT IS LIKELY THAT VISIT WILL RECEIVE SOME PRESS ATTENTION. ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO GAIN FROM THIS OR OTHER SOURCES WOULD BE USEFUL
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